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TO: Persons Interested in the HOME Program

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SUBJECT: Applications for FFY 2008 Competitive HOME Funds

The application deadline for FFY 2008 HOME grants for multifamily and single-family development projects was February 15, 2008. Local governments and Community Housing Development Organizations were eligible applicants. The Montana Department of Commerce received four applications requesting \$1,619,911 in HOME funds. MDOC has approximately \$2.2 million to grant. The four proposed projects would leverage a variety of other sources of funds for total project costs of \$10.5 million. A summary of each application follows. Grant awards will be announced no later than mid-April 2008.

Applicant	HOME Funds Requested	Project Budget
Park County Senior Center Apartment Rehabilitation Project, Livingston	\$500,000	\$1,605,705

Park County is seeking funding to rehabilitate 24 senior residential apartments located on the second and third floors of the Senior Center in Livingston. The applicant proposes to correct several life/safety issues in the housing of this 1910 building, such as the sprinkler system, fire/smoke alarm upgrades, emergency exit lighting system, structural issues, asbestos removal, upgrades to HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and elevator, physical accessibility, and needed energy improvements. All residents have incomes at 50% or less of area median income.

Applicant	HOME Funds Requested	Project Budget
Rocky Mountain Development Council Eagles Manor II Renovation Project, Helena	\$500,000	\$6,671,841

RMDC proposes to acquire, reconstruct, and rehabilitate 43 Helena apartment units for low-income seniors and/or persons with disabilities (40 1-bedroom units and 3 efficiencies) in the existing Eagles Manor II facility in Helena. The renovation is necessary to address numerous life/safety deficiencies in the 1976 building, including an inadequate fire safety system, asbestos in the building, physical accessibility for persons with disabilities, and energy conservation improvements. As part of the renovation, the applicant proposes to construct 21 units to meet 504 accessibility requirements.

Applicant	HOME Funds Requested	Project Budget
Gallatin County Reach, Inc. Rehabilitation Project, Bozeman	\$119,911	\$342,746

Gallatin County is requesting funding for the rehabilitation of a private nonprofit organizational group home that serves individuals with disabilities. HOME funds will be used to demolish and rebuild a home that would serve better to the clients as it will house 3 to 4 clients rather than just 2. The current facility is over 100 years old and is in unstable condition. The new home will be an up to date, barrier free home with an office and sleeping area for staff.

Applicant	HOME Funds Requested	Project Budget
District XI HRC Superior Mobile Home Park Acquisition and Rehabilitation Project, Superior	\$500,000	\$1,894,424

District XI Human Resource Council is applying for HOME funds in order to acquire a 19 unit mobile home park for renovation into a 10 to 12 unit manufactured housing neighborhood. This project will entail a new site plan and reconfiguration of site infrastructure (water and sewer distribution lines, utility hookups and road) and landscaping with the decommissioning of dilapidated mobile home rental units and replacement with new manufactured homes on permanent foundations that meet MBOH, Rural Development and/or FHA financing requirements and the provision of homebuyer assistance in the form of lower interest rates, MBOH and RD first mortgages and deferred payment second mortgage financing.

Successful applicants need to be prepared to attend the two-day grant administration workshop scheduled for May 21 and 22 in Helena. At least one representative from each local government or CHDO, listed as the applicant in Section A of the Uniform Application, will need to attend. Representative(s) from the developer/sponsor listed in Section A of the Uniform Application, if different from the applicant, will also need to attend. Additionally, third-party grant administrators should also attend. More details regarding the workshop will be included with grant award letters to the successful applicants.